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COMPLETION OF STATE

ROAD NO. 3 NEEDED.

Nineteen miles of paving is all that

is needed to give Florida a direct hard

surfaced trunk route between Jack-

sonville and Tampa. The state road

department, at its quarterly meeting

the first week in July, will decide whether

or not to proceed with the construction

of the missing link.

There are two other uncompleted

projects along the Florida short route.

One is in Putnam county south of Pa-

latka, and at the present time con-

tractors expect to finish this stretch

in a few months. In Clay county

there are several other bad stretches

that are being repaired so as to be in

good condition by fall. Only the nine

teen miles in Volusia county, between

Cocoa and DeLeon Springs, is doubt-

ful.

This road, known as state road No.

3, is undoubtedly one of the most im-

portant in the state of Florida. Good

roads radiate in every direction from

all of the towns through which it tra-

verses. It is the outlet for all of the

important routes from the north and

the west. And most important of all,

the highway of which it is a link is

34 miles shorter than any other be-

tween Jacksonville and Tampa. It is

the necessary and desirable means for

more travel than any other road in

the state.

Bonds in the amount of \$200,000

were voted by the road district of that

county four years ago. By a special

act of the legislature these funds

were turned over to the state road de-

partment on condition that the road

would be built. The Volusia county

commissioners agreed to pay \$8,333.33

a mile toward the paving of the road,

and through their efforts the nine-

teen mile stretch has been graded and

equipped with culverts and bridges.

But until the state road department

fulfills its obligation, the deep sand

in the fills will make the road practi-

cally impassable, and state road No. 3

will be useless as far as intra-state

travel is concerned.

The state road department must

keep faith with itself and with the

people of Florida by pushing this

work to an early completion. The

contracts for the paving must be let

at the July meeting if the road is to

be completed in time for the heavy

tourist travel of the winter season.

The work must be centered on this

road, because no other trunk line

could be made completely hard-sur-

faced within the short time that re-

mains. The completion of the nine-

teen mile stretch is of vital interest

to every section of the state.—Tampa

Times.

PUTNAM'S ROAD PROGRAM.

After nearly a week's discussion

of the proposed road plans for Put-

nam county, as announced by the

committee which was selected to

what it will mean to be connected up with the main highways of the state, one of which splits the county wide open, but is practically eliminated at present by reason of two or three bad stretches. Such taxpayers can do a great deal by acquainting themselves with the situation and explaining it to others.

We believe that the time is ripe for Putnam county to shed the enormous cost of poor roads.

**HARDING NOW EXPERIENCING THE SUPREME TEST.**

President Harding is facing a supreme test, both for himself and his administration in attempting the passage of the Ship Subsidy bill, the chief authorship of which is generally credited to Winthrop L. Marvin, Vice-President and General Manager of the American Steamship Owners' Association. This is President Harding's first real attempt as a leader, and Democrats here are by no means displeased that he has elected to assert his leadership on the Ship Subsidy bill, under which it is proposed to dispose of \$3,000,000,000 worth of merchant ships for about \$200,000,000, leaving \$125,000,000 to recondition the ships or to build others and paying a subsidy or bonus of about \$750,000,000 in ten years. There are various other aids in the bill, including exemptions from taxes and the elimination of the army and navy transports, turning over that traffic to the merchant ships.

The Democrats opened their campaign against the bill prior to its being reported, and a rough voyage is already being prepared for the measure by the dyes of both parties following the revelation that Mr. Lasker has been selling liquor aboard the liners of the U. S. Shipping board.

Whatever may be the outcome of President Harding's attempt as a leader, the fact remains that conditions within his own party were such that it was necessary for him to assert his leadership, however unwillingly it may have been done. The Republican press is ridiculing and denouncing the Fordney-McCumber Tariff bill and demanding the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty. The President and Senator McCumber seem to be at odds over taking up the Soldiers' Bonus bill at this time; Republican members of the Senate and House are in a state of panic over Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Iowa and hence uncertain as to what they ought to do and as Congressman William R. Wood (Rep.) of Indiana says: "Everybody is giving Congress hell."

Poet: A verse maker who is dead.

"Repentance" comes after "penitence" in the dictionary, also.

Europe's statesmen appear to spend most of their time appealing to God or prejudice.

About the only state that has mastered the Volstead law is the state of inebriation.

If thugs should threaten to kill some officers of the law, it would be rank flattery.

One can't help wondering if a plumber can notice the difference when he takes a vacation.

Few Americans are class conscious, but some of the dolled-up flappers on the street appear distinctly unconscious of class.

The advance of civilization has been three parts evolution and seven parts revolution.

Some people don't know what to name the new baby, and some have a relative who is rich.

Women's garments grow smaller and fewer in number, but it takes just as long to put 'em on.

The frequent mobbing of preachers doesn't really prove anything except the need of more preachers.

People who have a family skeleton should persuade it not to wear an evening dress that will reveal the shoulder blades.

Every boy should learn to use his fists. He may wish to become a prize fighter or go to congress.

Civilized man is a wonder. He cuts down a forest to build a city and then plants trees to make a park.

Men forsake the old-time religion, an idiom when the world goes to the dogs, they say religion is a failure.

If you are without faith or virtue, don't despair. You can become an "intellectual" and call the world vulgar.

There is reason to believe that Europe can't get along without Uncle Sam, and equal reason to believe that she couldn't get along with him.

If this theory of evolution is any good, why doesn't nature provide us with puncture-proof hides in mosquito time?

After years of patient effort, a

first wife makes a man decent enough to be good to a second wife.

**Impossible Occurrences No. 1.**

Mrs. Henpeck: Oh, Henry, see what a wonderful ankle that woman has.

"Capital cannot long stand aloof from labor." Which is to say that capital cannot long stand a loaf by labor.

As a rule, these folk who think they yearn for Adam-and-Eve simplicity merely yearn to raise Cain.

In the vocabulary of these clever young men, any man is a "chick" who doesn't shoot a good game of pool.

It is no longer easy to borrow money to buy an automobile. There are times that try men's soles.

Our own opinion is that normal conditions might return except for the fear of being called "normalcy."

If the bravest are the tenderest, the steers our butcher kills are all possessed of yellow streaks.

**COTTON OPENING**

New York, June 22.—Cotton futures opened steady: July 22.35, October 22.30, December 22.20, January 22.07, March 21.95.

**With Other Editors**

**THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE DOUBTS IT.**

It has been quite a time since the Chicago Tribune has found anything for which to criticize Florida or things Floridian. But it has a good one, new, and it devotes considerable editorial space in denouncing what it calls "newspaper fakes," based on a recent occurrence in the Everglades.

Florida papers, last week, carried a story of an aviator whose plane got into trouble and who was compelled to spend some very trying hours in the Everglades, during which time he encountered a Florida panther that ran him up a tree and kept him there for some time.

The Tribune moralizes on the story in this manner:

The newspaper story from Arcadia, Fla., of the cadet flyer whose machine fell in the Everglades, said that he had forty hours of misery in the swamp before he got out. His clothes were ripped to pieces by sawgrass, mosquitoes almost ate him up, and a panther chased him up a tree. Prob-

ably half the readers of the Tribune, at least a great majority of them, seeing this statement, wondered what newspaper editors thought of their readers anyway, and were all ready to be told that a cow had hunted down a rabbit, to feed her calf or that a squirrel had chased a bulldog up the side of a house. Readers who doubt that a tree which a man could climb would stop a panther are justified in condemning what they believe to be a fake piece of news, and this hurts the credibility of newspapers. Good newspapers try to merit the confidence of readers, and yet the best of them will slip in statements which can be impeached by their subscribers. It may be in carelessness or in desire to heighten an effect.

What, we might ask, does the Chicago Tribune know about the Everglades or the Florida panther? In times past it has displayed its dense ignorance of the first and now it shows that it knows nothing about the latter.

The story was given to reputable papers by an army aviator of known probity and there is no one in Florida that doubts it. It remained for the Chicago Tribune, ever on the alert to discover something for which to criticize Florida, to attempt to discredit the story by a very bungling attempt to moralize on the duty of newspapers to refrain from sensationalism and invariably to practice accuracy.—Miami Herald.

**BLOODY WAR IS RAGING IN ILLINOIS MINE**

(Continued from Page 1.)

of whom were armed, last night and this morning made their way along roads congested with every sort of

conveyance leading to the mining camp, where the union miners and sympathizers, estimated to number approximately 2,000, surrounded the mine, until a truce with the non-union forces, who claim they are members of the steam shovel men's union.

Williamson county officials have not requested any outside assistance in restoring order in the district, and Colonel Sam N. Hunter, attaché of the Illinois adjutant's office, this morning expressed the belief that the worst is over. Colonel Hunter is at Marion, closely watching the situation at the mining camp which is five miles distant. He declared that the fighting stopped after both sides agreed to a truce, following which arrangements were made for holding a "peace conference" today, at which, he said, he believed officials of the union miners would ask the coal company to close the mine and send away the men, said to have been imported from Chicago.

**First to Resume Work.**

The Southern Illinois coal mine was the first in Illinois to resume operations since the strike became effective April 1, and this fact caused a tense situation among the striking union miners. The district is solidly unionized.

The fighting started after receipt of a telegram from John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, terming the men working at the mine as "common strike breakers." Soon after a truck carrying ten men to work in the mine was subjected to a barrage from striking miners near Carbondale. One of the men escaped uninjured, but three were

injured and one is in a hospital at Carbondale, while the six others, who swam Big Muddy river, amidst a fusillade, have not yet been accounted for.

**Excitement at Fever Heat.**

Following this skirmish excitement was at fever heat among the miners here who crowded the streets, and then, pillaged hardware stores for arms and ammunition. With their newly acquired ordinance, the men, who were being constantly reinforced from other cities and towns of the district, started to march upon the mine.

Reaching the surface pit the miners threw their lines around their camp and firing commenced, the non-union men shooting from behind piles of coal and trenches caused by the scooping of earth from the surface mine.

Thousands of shots were exchanged before darkness in the miniature battle when both sides hoisted the white flag, which preceded the truce.

The exact number of casualties suffered by the non-union men in their veritable stockade could not be checked, as no one was permitted inside their lines during the truce. In the stockade the unverified reports had as many as fifteen non-union men dead. About six union men were wounded.

Efforts to learn the nature of the explosion between Carterville and May, in which three men were reported killed, were unavailing. It also was reported, but unconfirmed, that the pump house and storehouse of the mine were destroyed by incendiary fires, and that several sections of railroad track were torn up.

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